



Our Lady of the Lakes

A Roman Catholic Parish Serving
Dundee, Naples, Penn Yan, Prattsburgh, Rushville, and Stanley

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The Lenten Journey



All of life is a journey! As I ride through God's country between our churches, I am reminded that, just as with any journey there are turns in the road, hills and valleys, bumps in the road, and smooth sailing! Each year, the Church offers us the Lenten season as a time of **prayer, fasting and almsgiving.**

It is an opportunity to reflect on where we were, evaluate where we are now, and remember where we are going. The Holy Father reminds us, *"The Lenten journey, in which we are invited to contemplate the Mystery of the Cross, is meant to reproduce within us 'the pattern of his death' (Ph 3: 10), so as to effect a deep conversion in our lives; that we may be transformed by the action of the Holy Spirit, like*

St. Paul on the road to Damascus; that we may firmly orient our existence according to the will of God; that we may be freed of our egoism, overcoming the instinct to dominate others and opening us to the love of Christ.

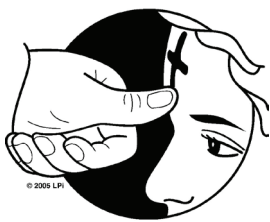
Our 40 day Lenten journey begins on **Ash Wednesday** when we reflect on our humanity and the temptation and sin that go with it. Ashes are used as a symbol of penance, and they remind us of our need for conversion and call us to commit ourselves to "turn from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." This is also a day of fasting and abstinence. As a reminder of those who daily go hungry, and of our Christian responsibility to assist them, we will participate in **"Operation Rice Bowl."** (<http://orb.crs.org>) This will be our parish's act of almsgiving for the Lenten season. To encourage people to enter more deeply into prayer the churches in our parish will be open on the Friday's of Lent and prayer materials available. **PLEASE STOP IN AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.**

Obviously once we come to terms with our humanity there is need for forgiveness and reconciliation. There are opportunities to find this in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Our Lenten journey leads us to the most holy days of the church year, referred to as **"The Sacred Triduum."** These days include the events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These days involve beautiful and reflective opportunities to recall on the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Jesus passion and death on the cross, and to celebrate the Easter Vigil at which our candidates and catechumens are received into the church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

The most important thing that a driver needs to do on a journey, and sometimes the most difficult, is to keep your eyes on the road! I hope that each of us will make a serious effort to keep our eyes on the road and to take advantage of opportunities God offers for prayer and reflection.

May this Lenten journey lead us to rediscover the miracle of God's love!
- Don't forget, "The Lord is with you!" Fr. Stan

Ash Wednesday Schedule February 22, 2012



The use of ashes is an ancient practice done as a sign of repentance and humility as we read in Judith 4:11, “And all the Israelite men, women and children who lived in Jerusalem prostrated themselves in front of the temple building, with ashes strewn on their heads,

displaying their sackcloth covering before the Lord” and validated by Jesus in Matthew 11:21, “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes.”

Masses With Distribution of Ashes

- 7:00 AM St. Januarius, Naples
- 12:00 Noon St. Michael’s, Penn Yan
- 5:00 PM Norton Chapel, Keuka College, Penn Yan
- 5:00 PM St. Patrick’s, Prattsburgh
- 7:00 PM St. Michael’s, Penn Yan
- 7:00 PM St. Theresa’s, Stanley

Ecumenical Service with Distribution of Ashes 7:00 PM
St. Januarius, Naples by Naples Council of Churches

Fasting and Abstinence

A well known part of our Lenten practices is fasting and abstinence. We refer to fasting and abstinence as “acts of penance.” When we hear the word “penance” some immediately want to think of “punishment” but penance is not about punishment. Here, our act of penance shows our dedication to our faith and that we are willing to make sacrifices to deepen our relationship with Jesus. With that in mind, all Catholics between the ages of 14 and 59 are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is defined as one main meal with a smaller amount of food eaten at breakfast and one other time of day. All Catholics above the age of 14 are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent. By being willing to give up some food in fasting and abstaining from meat we show our willingness to commit to Jesus Christ.

Lenten Activities

During Lent, each of our churches will be open for private devotions each Fridays (hours to be announced in the bulletin). Written materials will be available for prayer and reflection for anyone wishing to pray in church.

March 26, 2012 at 7 p.m. St. Januarius’, Fr. Stan will give a presentation on his trip to the Holy Land.

Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:30 p.m., the Bishop celebrates a special Mass known as the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral where the oils we use to anoint the sick, baptize, and confirmed are blessed and the priests renew their promises.

Wednesday, April 4th at St. Januarius’, a traditional Seder Supper will be celebrated in the evening. Please watch the bulletin for details (Reservations required).

Faith Formation

When our children are baptized we promise that we will bring them up in the faith. Part of that promise is that learning about our faith is a life long process, not only for our children but also for us as we live out our lives as brothers and sisters of Jesus. We have begun a new “Family Faith Program” this year which incorporates learning for the entire family together. Here is a comment from a parent who is participating in this new and exciting program:

“After learning about the acts of mercy together as a family we could see that lesson working in our son. The acts of mercy are such an easy thing to reference. It’s like clear cut rules from Jesus. And the clearer, the better. Thank you so much for bringing these lessons to us. We have all benefitted from them, but with our son, it has helped to make his life easier.”

We gather as families once a month to learn about a certain topic. Then as families we take well organized, easy-to-use and kid-friendly lessons home to work on together. It benefits parents who are still learning about their faith as well as kids who can see how important faith is to their parents and to them as a family.

We meet at St. Michael’s on the first Sunday each month and at St. Januarius on the second Sunday. For more information contact Cris Wensel, Director of Faith Formation at 585-374-2414 or cwensel@dor.org.

Seeking Forgiveness The Sacrament of Reconciliation



Lent is a penitential time where we are called to reflect on the sins of our past and to seek the Lord's Grace to help us live better lives in the future. We find the grace of forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (formerly known as Confession). The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered for individuals every Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Michael's in Penn Yan and St. Januarius'

in Naples; Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's in Prattsburgh and 10:30 a.m. at St. Theresa's in Stanley or by appointment by calling the parish office.

During Lent we will be offering two penance services:

- Thursday, March 29th at 7 p.m. at St. Januarius'
- Sunday, April 1st at 3 p.m. at St. Michael's

St. Patrick's Day



One of our more well know saints is St. Patrick. He is the patron saint of our church in Prattsburgh. Born in Scotland, he was taken as a slave to Ireland in the fourth Century. He later escaped and was ordained a bishop. As bishop he returned to Ireland to evangelize the native people.

St. Patrick's Church

St. Patrick's Church in Prattsburgh is making arrangements for a dinner honoring St. Patrick. Be sure and watch the bulletin for more details.

Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters

In Penn Yan, the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters will host their Annual St. Patrick's Dinner on Saturday, March 17th from 4 to 7 p.m. in St. Michael's Church Hall. It is a traditional dinner, corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, bread, salad, and dessert with music entertainment.

Fasting, Praying and Almsgiving for Children and Families

The concepts of fasting, praying and almsgiving are hard concepts for some children - sometimes even adults to grasp. Many of us remember Lent as a time to "give something up". There is some value to that but, for children, and many young people, 40 days is a long time. Planning a variety of Lenten activities as a family is a way to keep children's interest and increase awareness of what Lent is all about. Lent begins on February 22 this year. In early February, begin writing ideas for daily Lenten practices and collect them in a jar. Each morning, either each individual or as a family, pick out one idea to be done that day as a Lenten sacrifice. Do something every day that involves thinking of others.

Fasting: This can mean more than just giving up a favorite food or activity. While fasting from a favorite food, donate whatever it would have cost to Operation Rice bowl or a local charity. While fasting from a favorite activity (i.e. computer games), use that time doing spiritual reading, spending extra time with a family member or neighbor. Fasting is more than just being deprived of something enjoyable – it can be using the time or money for the benefit of others.

Prayer: During Lent, spending extra time in prayer is a worthwhile endeavor, as is attending special services at church. As a family, write a special Lenten prayer to be said every day. For children, "actions as prayer" can include watching a Christian movie, making cards to be given to shut-ins, doing extra chores around the house. For older children, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Almsgiving: This is an opportunity for children to become involved in helping others. During Lent, spend some time cleaning out closets and take gently used clothes and toys to a shelter. Visit a nursing home as a family. While grocery shopping let each family member pick out something to take to a food pantry. Participate in a community service project, or find a neighbor who could use help with yard work.

Mindful observation of Lent is difficult for most adults, and even more so for children. Encourage and praise your children in their efforts.

Special Sunday Schedule

From mid-January to mid-April, we will only have two priests available to preside at Mass. Therefore, it will be necessary to modify our normal Sunday Schedule during this time. The most important value that I felt needed to be expressed in this temporary plan is **Shared Sacrifice**. I also believe that while this plan is not perfect and a bit more complicated than some others considered, it expresses shared sacrifice. I ask for your patience and understanding as we implement this plan but I also understand that some may wish to extend some displeasure with this decision.

Peace. Fr. Stan

On the following Sundays, the church listed ***will not*** have its normal Sunday Mass.

Sunday, February 5, 2012	St. Januarius, Naples
Sunday, February 12, 2012	St. Michael's, Penn Yan (One Mass 8:30am)
Sunday, February 19, 2012	St. Patrick's, Prattsburgh (St. Theresa's 11:30)
Sunday, February 26, 2012	St. Theresa, Stanley
Sunday, March 4, 2012	St. Januarius, Naples
Sunday, March 11, 2012	St. Michael's, Penn Yan (One Mass 8:30am)
Sunday, March 18, 2012	St. Patrick's, Prattsburgh (St. Theresa's 11:30)
Sunday, March 25, 2012	St. Theresa, Stanley

Sundays, April 1st and April 8th—Please see the schedule for Passion Sunday and Easter on the next page.

Sunday, April 15, 2012	St. Michael's, Penn Yan (One Mass 8:30am)
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Easter Triduum

Easter is the day of Jesus' Resurrection but the Resurrection is not an isolated event. Before Jesus could be resurrected, he first needed to give his life for us in his Crucifixion on the Cross. We celebrate his Crucifixion on Good Friday. But even before Jesus gave his life, he first celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples and in doing so celebrated the first Eucharist that we celebrate on Holy Thursday. These three events are celebrated together as the Easter Triduum.

Please join us for our celebrations.

Holy Thursday (April 5th)

- Morning Prayer
 - 7:00 a.m. St. Michael's
 - 8:00 a.m. St. Januarius'
- Mass of the Lord's Supper
 - 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's
 - 7:00 p.m. St. Januarius'

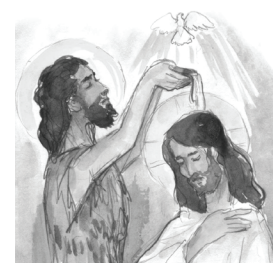
Good Friday (April 6th)

- All Day Silent Prayer & Reflection – St. Patrick's
- 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – St. Michael's
- 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – St. Januarius'
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – St. Theresa's

3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service - St. Michael's
3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service – St. Januarius'

Holy Saturday (April 8th) 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Michael's

We invite you to join us as we celebrate the most important liturgy of the year. We will be baptizing and receiving several people into the church at the Vigil.



Blessing of Food

One of the traditions at Easter is the "Blessing of Food" served at Easter. On Holy Saturday morning, April 7th, Fr. Stan will celebrate the Blessing of Food at 9:30 a.m. in St. Michael's Chapel and 11:00 a.m. at St. Januarius'. Please join us for this traditional prayer and bring a basket of food that you will serve for Easter.

Passion Sunday & Easter Sunday

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:00 p.m. St. Michael's
5:00 p.m. St. Januarius

Sunday

7:00 a.m. St. Michael's
8:00 a.m. St. Patrick's
9:30 a.m. St. Michael's
10:00 a.m. St. Januarius
11:30 a.m. St. Theresa's

EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL SCHEDULE

Saturday

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday (April 8th)

7:00 a.m. St. Michael's
8:00 a.m. St. Patrick's
9:30 a.m. St. Michael's
10:00 a.m. St. Januarius
11:30 a.m. St. Theresa's



Ascension Thursday May 17th



ASCENSION

We read in Acts 1:3, that the Risen Jesus appeared to his disciples for forty days and then ascended before them to his place at the right hand of the Father. Recognizing this we celebrate Jesus' Ascension forty days after his Resurrection on Easter. This year we will celebrate Ascension Thursday as a Holy Day of Obligation on May 17th. Please join us as we celebrate this blessed event.

- 7:00 a.m. St. Michael's
- 8:00 a.m. St. Januarius'
- 11:00 a.m. St. Michael's
School Mass
- 5:30 p.m. St. Januarius'
- 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's

Pentecost - May 27th

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit, O Lord, and we shall be created, and you will renew the face of the earth.”

This prayer invites the Holy Spirit to set our hearts ablaze with God's love. 50 days after Easter we celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13) fulfills Jesus' promise to his disciples in the Gospel of John, *“But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you.”*

While Jesus wanted the apostles to witness to all they had seen and heard, he made it very clear that they were not to begin doing so until the Holy Spirit came *“And [behold] I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” (Luke 24:49)*

Pentecost can be easily overlooked, being that it follows shortly after Easter just as nice warm weather is beginning, but its importance to us cannot be denied. Some may say, *“Why do we need the Holy Spirit?”* My response is taken from a Greek Orthodox Patriarch, Ignatius when he addressed the assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1968. He said,

Without the Holy Spirit God is far away.

Christ stays in the past,

The Gospel is simply an organization,

Authority is a matter of propaganda,

The Liturgy is no more than an evolution,

Christian loving a slave mentality.

But in the Holy Spirit:

The cosmos is resurrected and grows with the birth pangs of the kingdom.

The Risen Christ is there,

The Gospel is the power of life,

The Church shows forth the life of the Trinity,

Authority is a liberating science,

Mission is a Pentecost,

The Liturgy is both renewal and anticipation,

Human action is deified.

On Pentecost we celebrate Jesus fulfilling his promise with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are called to reflect on what gifts God has blessed us with and pray that this same Spirit will help us to use these gifts to serve God. As we move from Easter to Pentecost I invite you to join me in reciting the opening prayer to the Holy Spirit so that by our sharing of time, talent and treasure *“God will renew the face of the earth!”*

Ministry Highlight

How often do we take what we see and experience at church for granted? Who decorates our churches? Who takes care of the flowers? Who plans our Penance Services and other prayer services?

One might assume the priests take care of all the planning and preparing services like the Penance Services. Our priests are certainly involved in this ministry. After all, it is our priests who preside at most of the services. It is also the priests who spend several years in seminary learning about all the do's and don'ts of good liturgy.

But the priests can't do everything. You can help. You don't need to have a degree in liturgy to help. We need creative minds and hands to do the work. Many hands make light work. Think of Sunday Mass. The priest does not do everything himself. Before Mass even begins somebody sets up the bread and wine. During Mass, there are altar servers, lectors, Communion Ministers, ushers, and musicians. Could the priest do it all himself? Yes (well, except the music) but isn't Mass better when more people are involved.

The same can be true for planning our liturgies. We have an Our Lady of the Lakes Liturgy Committee but we currently only have about eight members. We generally meet about once a month. Again, you don't need to be an expert. What you do need is a desire to, guided by the Holy Spirit, help make our liturgies a more effective encounter with God that helps all who come to deepen their relationship with Jesus.

If meetings aren't your thing, maybe you might be interested in helping decorating the churches. You don't have to do it alone. Remember how beautiful our churches were at Christmas. It was not the work of just one person.

If you are interested in helping with our liturgies, please contact Fr. Stan (frstan@dor.org), or Fr. Jeff (jtunncliff@dor.org).

Giving Tree Report

In our last newsletter we spoke about our Giving Tree Ministries. From the generosity of our parishioners we helped families and shut-in's in all of our communities.

St. Januarius' delivered sixty presents to about ten families through the Naples' School Operation Santa. In addition to the families several shut-in's also received gifts.

St. Michael's gifts were delivered to Meals on Wheels and Clinton Crest Manor. They each told us what they needed. A total of 138 gifts were needed. We put 150 tags on the tree to assure that we'd get what we needed on time. We received 144 gifts. We delivered the 138 and the extra went to the Adult Day Care at S&S.

St. Patrick's gifts were delivered on December 17th. Two of the families picked up the gifts at the fire hall. The third was delivered to the home of a young lady who has 3 small children. The children were delighted and excited! Also, each family received a food basket that had a ham and all the trimmings.

St. Theresa's came together this Christmas season and sponsored a local family that humbly came to the Friendship House in Middlesex looking for some extra help. They exceeded expectations by abundantly providing Christmas gifts for a family of 6 with all children being 10 and under. It was very moving to deliver the two car loads of gifts.

It is very warming to know that we made a difference in the lives of these families and hope that it was an extra special Christmas for them. It helps us to stand firm in the message that with God all things are possible.



Our New Mission Statement

To accomplish a task we need to know what we are seeking to do. Many organizations have a 'Mission Statement' to state the goal of the organization. In November 2011, our Parish Council revised our Mission Statement as follows.

With Mary as our model, Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Community seeks to be a welcoming parish. While recognizing that we are made up of diverse rural communities, we strive to live as members of the one Body of Christ, ministering to each other, and working together to nurture our God-given talents in order to reach out to others in a caring and compassionate manner that witnesses to our fervent love for God.

Opportunities For Fellowship



Community is an important part of who we are as church. We have some regular opportunities to gather in some of our churches for fellowship

St. Januaris' offers a coffee hour after every 10 a.m. Sunday Mass (except holidays). On the second

Saturday of each month, St. Januaris' also offers the opportunity to gather for a pasta dinner after the 5 p.m. Mass. (Donations welcomed)

At St. Michael's, the Knights of Columbus host breakfast one Sunday each month after the 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses. A fee is charged but all profit is donated to charity. Upcoming dates are Feb 12th (after the 8:30 Mass), March 25th, April 15th, & May 20th.

St. Theresa's offers a coffee hour after their Sunday. Mass during the school year except holidays.

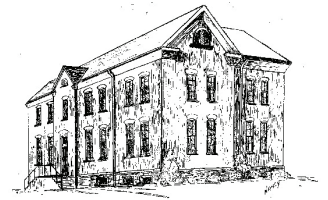
On March 23rd, St. Theresa's will host its annual Fish Fry. Please watch the bulletin for more details.

Fruit of the Vine Conversation Series—Once a month from May through October we travel through the Finger Lakes Region visiting local wineries for wine tasting and adult faith formation. Presenters are invited from around the diocese to share their faith in relaxing and inviting forums.

St. Michael's School

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 23 - Mission Day—Students bring change into school to play games and win prizes. Proceeds go to benefit a local or international charity of the students' choice.



Saturday, March 24 - Pizza Night to benefit the 5th Grade Fund from 6-8 pm in the Church Hall. For information on ordering please contact the school.

Friday, May 11 - Muffins for Mom and May Crowning - Mothers, grandmothers, aunts and friends are honored with coffee and muffins before school begins. It is followed by the annual crowning of Mary in the lawn between the school and the Parish Center.

Tuesday, June 12 - Kindergarten graduation 6 pm in church hall

Thursday, June 17 - 5th Grade Graduation 6:30 pm Church

Friday, June 18 - Donuts for Dad—Fathers, grandfathers, uncles and friends are honored with coffee and donuts before school begins.

Fall Registration

Registration for the 2012-13 school year is now underway at St. Michael School in Penn Yan. The school will be celebrating its 130th anniversary this spring and continues to offer an excellent education in a Catholic environment for children of all faiths. Individual attention, small class size, caring and dedicated (NYS certified) teachers, and a focus on the basics make St. Michael School the perfect place to begin your child's educational journey. Each day begins with morning prayers and song, children learn not only the critical skills of reading, writing, and math, but St. Michael's also offers a high tech experience where the modern tools of learning are available for all children. All of this in a small, safe environment with a very strong culture of family. Call today (536-6112) for more information or to make an appointment for a personal tour. Scholarships and tuition assistance are available. St. Michael School offers programs for grades pre-school (age 3) through grade 5.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening
5:00 p.m. St. Michael's
5:00 p.m. St. Januarius'

Sunday Morning
7:00 a.m. St. Michael's
8:00 a.m. St. Patrick's
9:30 a.m. St. Michael's
10:00 a.m. St. Januarius'
11:00 a.m. St. Theresa's

*Please see page four for special schedule
for January—April 2012*

Daily Mass
St. Januarius' Monday-Friday 8 a.m.
St. Michael's
• Wednesday & Friday 12 noon
• Mon. Tues & Thurs
• Till March 9th - 8 a.m.
• After March 9th - 7 a.m.

Parish Offices

St. Michael's Church
• For more items concerning St. Andrew's,
St. Mary's, St. Michael's, & St. Theresa's
210 Keuka Street, Penn Yan, NY 14527
Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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